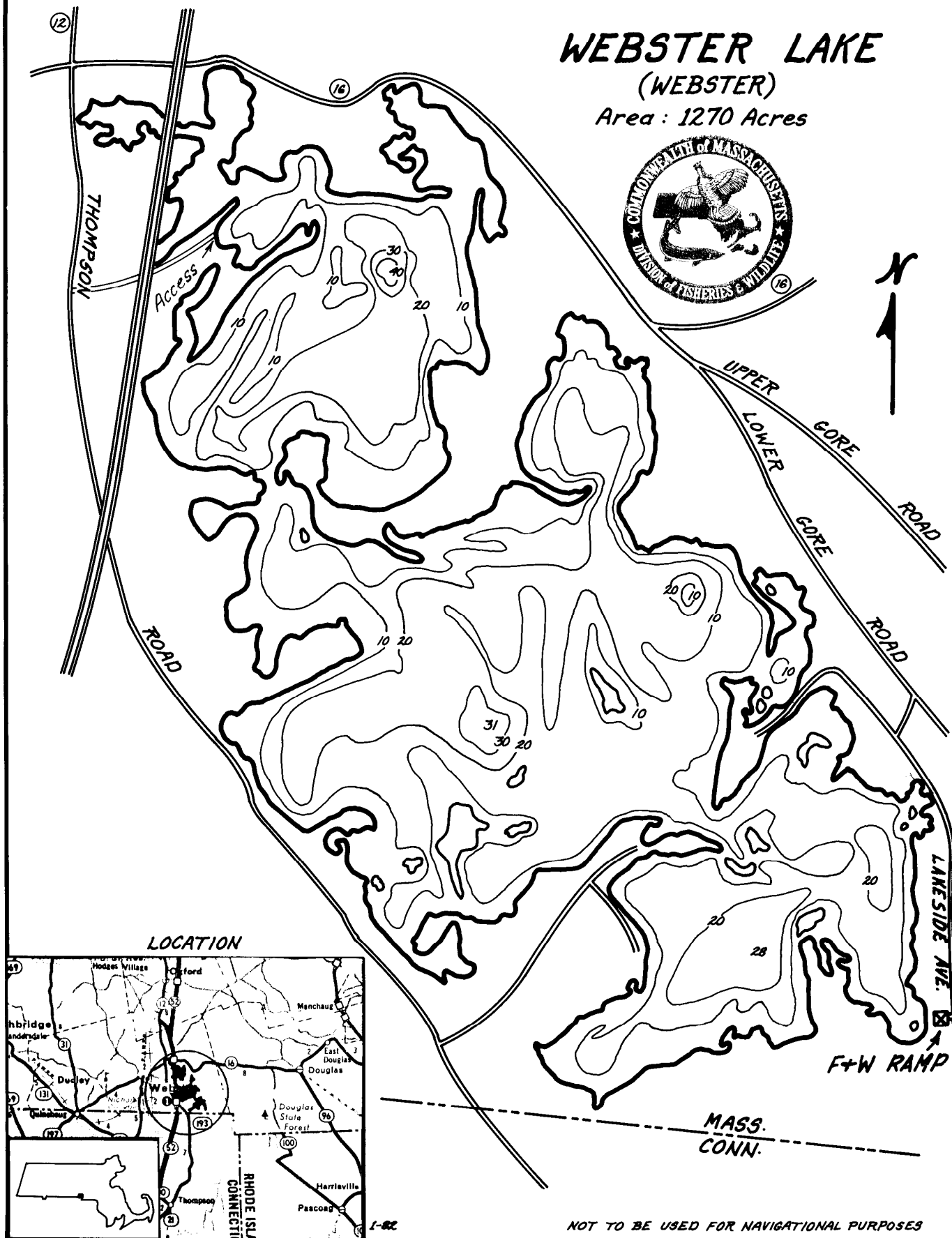
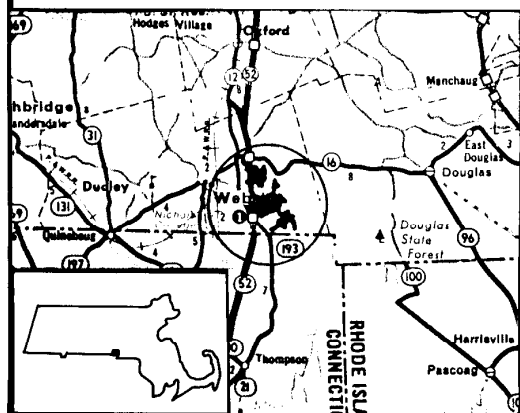


WEBSTER LAKE (WEBSTER)

Area : 1270 Acres



LOCATION



NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES

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General Information:

Webster Lake is a large, (1,270 acres), two-story lake located in southern Worcester County. From the Worcester area, drive west on I-290 and continue on Route 52 to Exit 1. This will put you at the Memorial Beach Drive boat launching facility. There is limited shore fishing access because of extensive shoreline development. The lake is characterized by clear watercolor with a transparency of 15 feet. The mean and maximum depths are 13 feet and 45 feet respectively. The bottom is primarily mud and rock. For the most part, aquatic vegetation is confined to shallow cove areas.

Fish Populations:

The fish population was most recently studied during a 1995 summer survey. Seventeen species were collected including the following: bluegills, yellow perch, pumpkinseeds, smallmouth bass, chain pickerel, white perch, largemouth bass, redbreasted sunfish, rainbow trout, brown bullheads, golden shiners, banded killifish, yellow bullheads, black crappie, white suckers, brook trout, American eel and landlocked alewives. Northern pike, tiger muskies and brood salmon are also present.

Fishing:

Webster Lake offers an extremely diverse fishery with largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, chain pickerel, stocked trout and an assortment of panfish. Although recreational use is heavy, particularly during the summer months, many fish of large size are available. Jigging for yellow perch in the winter is particularly productive.

Northern pike and tiger muskies have been stocked here regularly since 1981 in order to utilize the abundant panfish population and offer the angler a chance to catch a truly large gamefish. Pike in the 20-pound range are taken every year.

Finally, Webster Lake has been stocked with brood salmon since 1992. These fish, some of which are over ten pounds in weight, offer the salmonid angler the possibility of intense battles. They will continue to be stocked whenever available, and are taken through the ice as well as in open water.

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